

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05 January 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-29 and 35.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)           |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance  |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

### DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1, 11, and 21 have been amended.
2. Claim 35 has been added.
3. Claims 30-34 have been cancelled.
4. Claims 1-29 and 35 are pending.

### *Response to Arguments*

5. Applicant's arguments filed 05 January 2006 have been fully considered and they are persuasive.

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

6. **Claims 1-29 and 35** are allowed.
7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention is directed toward a method and system for performing secure telephone communication over a network. Each independent claim identifies the uniquely distinct features **"selecting a secure mode via a user interface on a sending communication device, asserting a first notification via the user interface indicating to a user that a secured connection is not ready, and initiating a connection with a receiving communication device, determining whether the receiving communication device is capable of secured communication, and based on the determination selectively asserting a second notification via the user interface indicating to the user the channel status from the set"**. The closest prior art, Sudia (Pub No. 2001/0050990) discloses a cryptographic system and method with a key escrow feature that uses a method for verifiably splitting users' private

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encryption keys into components and for sending those components to trusted agents chosen by the particular users, and provides a system that uses modern public key certificate management, enforced by a chip device that also self-certifies, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious. The closest prior art, Schwed (5,592,556) discloses a digital radio comprising codec, vocoder and encryption/decryption processing all on a single integrated circuit chip module for transmitting and receiving digital signals over-the-air, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious. The closest prior art Schas et al. (4,587,514) discloses a method and apparatus utilizing data encoding/decoding applications for use in interfacing data processing and telecommunication equipment, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

8. Therefore, **claims 1,11, 21, and 35** and the respective **dependent claims 2-10,12-20, and 22-29** are in condition for allowance.

### ***Conclusion***

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Courtney D. Fields whose telephone number is 571-

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272-3871. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thurs. 6:00 - 4:00 pm; off every Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on 571-272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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